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THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Tis the day before Christmas, in this country
of ours

The land of sunshine, of fruit and flowers;
This beautiful Yuletide, when every one tries
To fix up the home nest, and make a
surprise.

We're living in luxury, with plenty in store,
Yet self-centered thousands are grasping
for more.

'Tis the day before Christmas, in the cities
great throng

Josteling each other as they pass along;
While most of the world are thinking alone
Of self, their loved ones, their friends
and home.

Forgetting the poor, the lonely and sad;
Forgetting to make some other hearts glad.

'Tis the day before Christmas, there's many
a sigh

From the heart of a father, who cannot
supply
The wants of his babies, who can't under-
stand

Why he cannot meet their every demand,
And order old Santa with a bountiful store
And leave it all piled at their humble door.

'Tis the day before Christmas, in palaces
grand

Luxurious gifts from many a hand;
In dancing and drinking, the hours flit away,
That eve before Christmas, that memor-
able day.

Forgetting their God, and the Christ whom
He gave

Forgetting He came their lost souls to
save.

Oh, Lord look in pity, upon us I pray
And help us to worship the CHRIST,
not the day.

Oh give us thy Spirit and help us to own
That He's to be honored, our Saviour
alone.

That selfish ambitions and pleasures must be
Forgotten and buried in the depths of
the sea.

— LILLIE BUFFUM





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In a remote Austrian town in 1818 a pastor was inspired by a play to write a carol. The next day Joseph Mohr took his carol to the church where he met the organist. But because the organ was broken Mohr's friend used his guitar to set the words to music. They sang the carol together several times and soon the mechanic who was repairing the organ had learned it. The mechanic left the small town and returned to the city where he sang the song for his friends. It was from there that *Silent Night, Holy Night* came to be known and loved.

Perhaps it was chance that this beautiful carol did not become lost, never to be heard by the world. But its message of "Christ the Saviour is born," is no chance. It was God's deliberate design for His Son to come into the world on that first Christmas.

The plan was carried out with such care and exactness as to fulfill every Old Testament prophesy concerning Christ's birth. He was born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14), born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), of the lineage of David (Ps. 110:1) and of the seed of Abraham (Gen. 12:3). It was not mere coincidence that His coming was as the Scripture said.

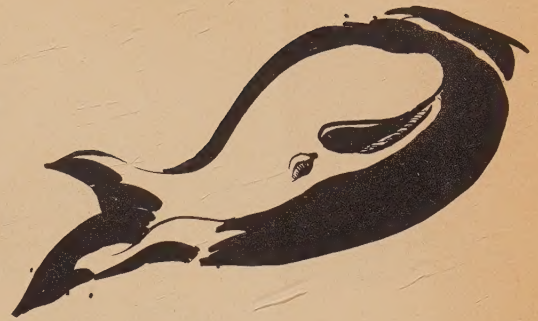
In addition to other reasons, it indicates God's care for us. Our lives are not left to chance. If God planned our redemption so carefully, surely He grants us guidance, direction and purpose in our lives now. He is a God of planning and care. And if we are His, then our lives are under this loving watchfulness.

From the silent night so long ago, comes to us a silence of the soul for today's world of disorder. God's design is still to be carried out, Christian reader. Let Him work His plan in your life!

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 1962 is a program being sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals for next year. The General Council is urging us all to cooperate in this most worthwhile endeavour. Participation will lay the foundation for a year of great victory. May I implore you to make plans now for this organized reading. Ask your pastor about it. And pastor contact the NAE for full details.

Let's all READ IT THROUGH IN '62!

Kept From A Killer



by DONEL LEACH

MISSIONARY TO ALASKA

IT was while I was supply pastoring for the missionary at Wainwright, Alaska, that I enjoyed one of the most fascinating experiences I have ever had. I not only witnessed, but participated in the butchering of a huge 40 foot whale. I even ate some of it and because of my help was given a full share of the meat, or muktuk. Some of the Eskimos estimated this great creature of the deep weighed close to 12 tons, and by the way my shoulders ached afterwards I was willing to agree.

Never have I witnessed a time when Christians were more thankful for what God had provided than on this occasion. That whale was an answer to prayer. Not one whale had been taken in six years and now that God had answered their humble prayers they were rejoicing as they cut up the meat out on the icy ocean just four miles from Soviet territory.

There was yet to be more cause for rejoicing - at least for two Eskimo men and me. We had made our way far out on the ice while hunting seal. The ice on which we stood broke loose from the main ice along the shoreline and we drifted for probably an hour before realizing what had happened. Fortunately, the other men had a small eight foot skin boat which we could use to ferry us across the great gap of cold dark ocean.

Just as I prepared to get into the boat, I heard the spine-tingling sound of Aaglu, a killer whale, not 40 feet away, blowing water through his spout. Words fail to explain the dreadful feeling which I had.

Standing on that cracking ice, looking into the face of a monster which was rolling and tossing in the very water I must cross in order to be saved, I assure you, my utterances were directed heavenward.

We made our way along the ice to a point several hundred yards from where the whale had been seen. Quickly and quietly we slipped our little boat into the water and began to paddle for safety. The killer whale was under us somewhere and I could almost feel his gaze. My imagination tore at me wildly. The ride took only a few short minutes, probably about ten, but it seemed almost endless as I looked down into the water's face and prayed for our deliverance.

We were spared without incident, but not without gaining a healthy respect for those mammals of the sea, the whale, especially the killer whale.

Once I was safely back in Fairbanks with my wife, Lorene, and son, Michael, I fully realized how great it was to be alive and working for the Master of heaven and earth, land and sea.

THERE IS NO NEW PLAN, NO NEW METHOD, NO REVISION
IN THE ORDERS FROM OUR GREAT COMMANDER. GO IN
OBEDIENCE WITH PERSONAL SACRIFICE, SELF-DENIAL AND
PERHAPS EVEN UNTO DEATH, THAT THE SOULS OF MEN
MAY BE

LIBERATED



by

JOSEPH L. GERHART

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

FOR unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour." A "Saviour", one who saves or delivers, sets free, LIBERATES!

As I take my pen in hand, it is the month of October in the year 1961. With October of each year comes a vivid recollection of another October just seventeen years ago - October 1944! Standing out in my mind as a great marble monument heavily carved with deep and permanent engravings of scenes of inhuman suffering, gripping horror, indescribable pain, hellish war, death - and glorious LIBERATION! For it was the 20th day of October in year of 1944 which marked the Return to the Philippines and the day of LIBERATION!

Before the dawn of this memorable day as LST 270, USN, eased into Leyte Gulf along with one of the greatest task forces ever assembled, I stood with my men for a last and final consecration service. As hearts were solemnly and sincerely lifted to almighty God, we were keenly aware of God's all-seeing eye upon us. However, our nerves and muscles were steeled against the awareness of an-

other all-seeing eye, that of the enemy, which was piercing through the dawn from the land and the sea and the air! There was an unvoiced question in the heart of each man as he stole a quiet and sad glance at his buddy, "Will you be listed as KIA (killed in action) before the dawn of another day?"

Orders were called out sharply and echoed ominously through the stillness of the morning as men grimly and almost mechanically responded with resolute determination and courageous main to the action which would surely bring death in order to also bring LIBERATION. Death to the soldier but LIBERATION to thousands of prisoners. Why must some men DIE that other men might LIVE? This age-old question has been upon the lips of men of all generations.

"UNTO YOU THIS DAY IS BORN" BORN to DIE that all men, prisoners of sin may be LIBERATED! Born to Die? Yes, Christ became "obedient unto death" that all men might LIVE!

Even as the liberating forces returning to the Philippine Islands became obedient to the orders of their com-

mander-in-chief and through great personal sacrifice, self-denial, suffering and even death brought freedom to men imprisoned and enslaved, so the warriors of the faith who would LIBERATE the souls of men have served our great Commander-in-Chief with dedication and obedience to the GREAT COMMISSION.

LIBERATION DAY - October 20, 1944! Shouts of victory and triumph echoed around the world - thousands of prisoners marched out of the dungeons of darkness into the light of freedom and hope and liberty!

The pattern of liberation remains unchanged. There is no new plan, no new method, no revised version in the orders which echo clearly from our great Commander. We are to "GO" into the battle of deliverance in obedience with personal sacrifice, self-denial and perhaps, even unto death, that the souls of men who are yet in the prisons of sin may be LIBERATED.

Are we opening these prison doors? Is the Church of the Living God obediently and faithfully waging the warfare of deliverance? Is my church pushing the battle with dedication and unselfish endeavor for the liberation of the souls of imprisoned men around the world? Am I, as a soldier of the cross, personally following in the path of obedience and sacrifice with a zeal for the powers of God to burst wide the prison doors of captive men and women? These are questions we can all ask ourselves.

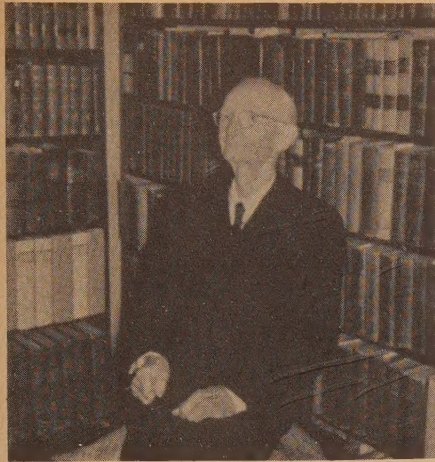
Hell is spewing forth upon the face of the earth every conceivable power and agent in a great final day in the battle being waged against everything which is good and upright and righteous and godly. ONLY ONE power can LIBERATE men from the satanic grip of sin!

"Christ is born . . . a Saviour . . ." Born to die for men. Let us as LIBERATED and free men be alert and alive and aflame with the power of God in this the greatest of all days in which to stand in the battle between the souls of men and their eternal LIBERATION.

CHRIST IS BORN. CHRIST IS VICTOR. CHRIST IS THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR! Hail the Day - that great day - when the Church of our God shall have LIBERATED that last imprisoned soul and the dawning of a new day will break.

That will be our final DAY OF LIBERATION from all the powers of death and hell and the grave, forever and ever. AMEN!

A Tribute to J. Narver Gortner



I was the pastor of Rev. J. Narver Gortner four and one-half years while serving as minister of First Church in Oakland, California. Recent news of his passing brings to memory many recollections of fellowship we shared as I had opportunity to become quite well acquainted with this venerable minister of the Gospel.

Brother Gortner was instrumental as the tool in God's hand for bringing First Church in Oakland into existence in the year of 1926, (if my memory serves me correctly). Shortly thereafter the church constructed the edifice on 31st and Grove Streets in Oakland from which pulpit he ministered the Gospel faithfully until the year 1937 when he resigned to give full time to the ministry of teaching in Glad Tidings Bible Institute, San Francisco.

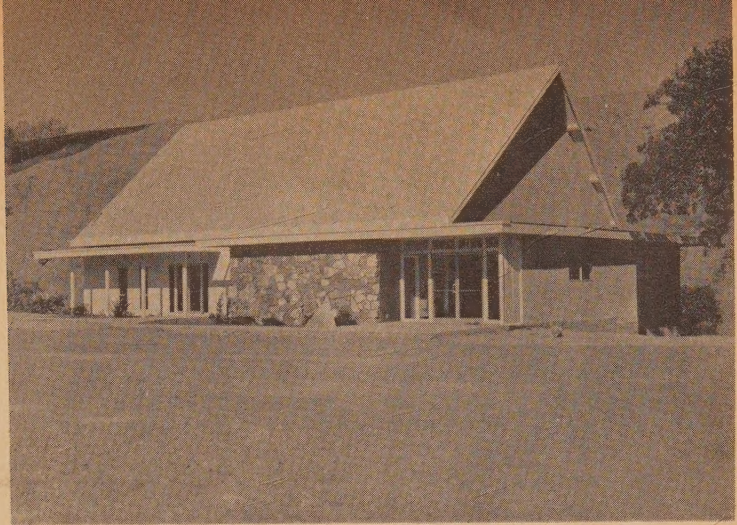
Though his duties were across the Bay he continued to reside at his home in his beloved Berkeley where he enjoyed "Berkeley Air", made famous by one of his many poems.

It was the year of 1947 that I came to serve the church which he had founded and pastored for eleven years and of which he was still a member and in which his heart and interest always were.

Not long after my coming his attendance and that of his wife became less regular due to their failing health. In reflection upon this, it seems quite remarkable to me that his life span extended yet another 14 years until this present time.

A mental giant, he was well educated, having begun the ministry in the Methodist Church after thorough preparation in Garrett Biblical Institute. His knowledge of the Greek

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LAFAYETTE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Lafayette Assembly Dedicated

Special dedication services were conducted on Sunday, November 12, for the Lafayette Assembly of God. Guest speaker for the morning service was Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart. At the dedication service, held in the afternoon, Assistant Superintendent Ruben A. Wilson was speaker. The evening message was brought by Rev. N. A. Golusin, pastor of the Community Full Gospel Church of Modesto.

The building which is under the direction of the Home Missions Department was begun in July 1960 by Rev. R. A. Work. Rev. Glen Lambert assumed the pastorate upon the death of Bro. Work in Oct. 1960. Since that time Pastor Lambert and the congregation have worked hard to see the beautiful hillside structure to completion.

The building contains the sanctuary, several classrooms and pastor's study on the main level. The full basement houses kitchen and Sunday school space.



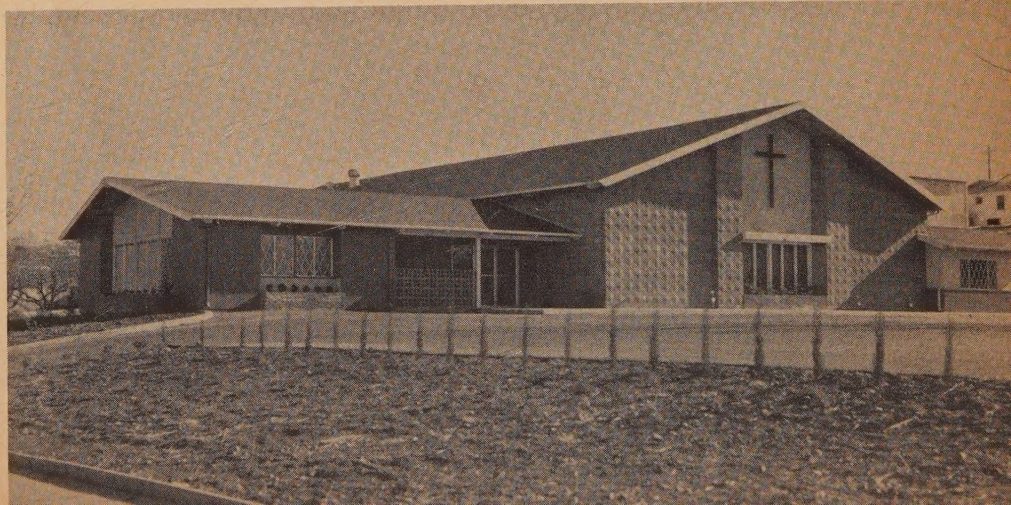
Shown above are, left to right, Ruben A. Wilson, assistant superintendent and Home Mission secretary, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Lambert and Rev. Glen Lambert, pastor.

New Building In Concord

Last Aug. 13 the Assembly of God at Concord dedicated a beautiful new building. The dedication, at which District Secretary-Treasurer Jack R. Edgar was guest speaker, was held in conjunction with the sectional fellowship meeting.

The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 500 when the over-flow and balcony space are used. The building, which was built by the people, has room for 15 Sunday school classes, a large prayer room, kitchen, pastor's study and other facilities.

Pastor P. R. Ford reports that in a three month period someone was saved in every service.



Question:

When and where did you first hear about the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Answer:

(Mrs.) I read about Father Bennett* and what speaking in tongues had caused in the church in Van Nuys in *Newsweek* magazine. Because my curiosity had already been aroused from scriptural references to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues in particular, this article interested me very much. I carried the magazine about with me for several

I was negative in my feeling and my wife was inquisitive, but we both wanted to look into the matter and see how valid it might be.

(Mrs.) It seemed that if this phenomenon of speaking in tongues was to be lightly dismissed as mere emotionalism the New Testament spent entirely too much space instructing church members in its use. Also the very fact this experience had happened within the Episcopal church captured my attention. I had been an Episcopalian all my life, my parents before me and my grandparents be-

nett was speaking, my old curiosity was aroused. The minute I walked into the auditorium, I knew that I had come to something important. It was packed and we sat near the back. There was warmth and joy in the atmosphere. I turned to my friend and commented on the singing, "I think that there must be a choir in the entire balcony." I have never heard such full and jubilant singing. During prayer the congregation murmured along with prayer which was adjacent to the one being said by the leader. Occasionally, there were ejaculations

Here is an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindblom,
members of the Episcopal Church, who have
received the baptism of the

Holy Spirit

weeks showing it to my friends, discussing it with them and trying to evaluate the experience of the Episcopalians at Van Nuys as reported. I remember my minister said, "Well, if it is real it will last. If it is not, it will go away. So wait and see." This was well over a year before I met Father Bennett myself. I, meanwhile, had put the magazine away and shelved my questions.

Question:

What were your reactions to this experience?

Answer:

(Mr.) My reaction was based largely on what I had heard people say. The article in *Newsweek*, however, conjured up pictures of tent meetings, ranting and raving emotionalism and obscure offbeat sects. I had a negative attitude from the article and thought, "Well, here is a part of the Episcopal church which has gone off the deep end."

* Rev. Dennis J. Bennett, former rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Van Nuys, California. Now pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Seattle, Washington. See "What Is Happening Today in the Episcopal Church?" in *Christian Life*, November 1961.

fore them had been Episcopalians. Being aware of the dignity and ancient orthodoxy of our people and knowing that our ministers are well trained, disciplined and highly educated, I did not dismiss this.

Question:

What lead you to feel the baptism in the Holy Spirit was something you needed?

Answer:

(Mrs.) Several years ago I asked my minister for books that would better help me understand the Trinity. I had had experience with God, the Father. I had experience with God, the Son, the Redeemer, but I wasn't sure I had had experience with God, the Holy Spirit, Who sanctifies. After having read through many chapters on the theology of the Holy Spirit, I came up with a rather weak suspicion that I did not fully know His meaning. "He's missing in my life," I thought. It was as if there was a hole, although I could not point it out.

One Sunday afternoon a friend of mine called to invite me to a full gospel meeting at the high school auditorium. I refused, but when she mentioned an Episcopal priest named Ben-

nett was speaking, my old curiosity was aroused. The minute I walked into the auditorium, I knew that I had come to something important. It was followed by a beautiful interpretation which I recognized as wonderful prayer. I exclaimed to my friend, "This is it! This is what St. Paul was talking about!" I became very interested and also slightly amused.

Soon Father Bennett spoke. Immediately I recognized him as an Episcopal priest with all the authority and stability I expected in a minister. I thought, "Now there is somebody to whom I could talk." As I sat there at the back of the auditorium trying to figure how I was going to manage to talk to him, it occurred to me to write a note and take it back stage. I wrote, "I am an Episcopalian and I don't know what's going on here, but I am interested. Can you talk to me?" I gave it to the stagehand who in turn gave it to Father Bennett. Father Bennett immediately left the stage to talk to me. I invited him to dinner that evening and he agreed to come, if in addition, I would also have my parish priest there. It isn't protocol in our church for an outside priest to advise a member of another man's flock.

(Mr.) Father Bennett met with us



MR. and MRS. LINDBLOM

for dinner and gave us background on how the baptism of the Holy Spirit had come to him and what it had meant to him and the people of his parish who had shared the experience. We were interrupted in our conversation because Father Bennett had to leave for a meeting at Bethel Temple. He agreed to meet with us later and finish his story.

I accompanied Father Bennett to Bethel Temple where I heard his message. There is quite a difference between a full gospel church service and an Episcopal church service. We are very reserved in comparison. When I was at the high school with my wife, earlier, I found it very difficult to determine the validity of the proceedings. Yes, the interpretations were wonderful and appeared powerful and true, but there seemed also an air of emotionalism. I needed to learn more. Perhaps I should define my use of the word emotionalism. It is to me an excessive display of sentimentality merely for the "kicks" involved, and is quite apart from pure emotion which is an honest God-given response.

Question:

Give us the details of your receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Answer:

(Mr.) After the service at Bethel Temple, Father Bennett, his wife and I rejoined the others at our minister's home. A couple from Manteca dropped by to return a blanket. They stayed. It seems God had sent them. While we were gone, the group which

remained had been studying the Bible and raising questions. They were awaiting Father Bennett with abated breath, so to speak. Little by little we were aware of a feeling of anticipation and eagerness among us as Father Bennett satisfied our questions. Even under the astute theological questioning of our minister, Father Bennett's equally sound answers assured us that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as manifested by speaking in tongues, was a gift that every sincere follower of Christ should and could receive. Father Bennett did not press us to receive this gift, nor did he even ask us if we wanted it. He left it entirely to us to initiate the request. I think it was quite exceptional that we did, because of our reserved background. That we did, shows that the Spirit was already at work in us giving us a hunger.

Father Bennett first laid his hands on my wife, Virginia. We were seated about the living room in a circle much as at any social gathering. Virginia was sitting on the corner of the couch. After he prayed for her infilling and instructed her on how to cooperate, she said a few words hesitantly. He prayed in his own tongue and encouraged her. I wasn't sure if she had received the Holy Spirit then or later. She became uncertain and stopped. He next came to me. I was sitting on the other side of the room in a straight chair. Both he and Virginia laid their hands on my head. I was fighting the Holy Spirit. Although I wanted to receive I could not bring myself to make a sound. Father Bennett moved on to our priest. Here was the first complete breakthrough. What an experience! Here was our venerated and respected priest speaking in a full, oriental-sounding language. It was surprising and we burst forth laughing, a joyous laugh in which was mingled amazement, fellowship, jubilation and thanksgiving. We experienced together a completeness of loving fellowship that I had never before experienced. It was wonderful! Yet we were not emotional. We still sat quietly about the room.

After our priest spoke, Father Bennett returned to me and again laid his hands on me. I spoke a few words and experienced a great swelling within my whole body, an in-filling that

made me feel as if my heart would break. It was a terrific feeling. It made me feel so full that I couldn't hold it anymore and it bubbled forth in laughter, joy and love. This is a poor way to explain what I experienced, but I don't know how else to say it.

(Mrs.) When Father Bennett prayed for me I spoke a few words in an unknown tongue. He encouraged me and seemed pleased, but I felt it was something I was doing and thought I should not continue. However, as we went on and prayed for other people I realized that something was happening to me. Joy and love were welling up within me. A language was definitely forming at a subverbal level and I could hear it pounding in my ears although I wasn't yet speaking it out loud. Later, I did let it out and received interpretations, too. Each member of our group received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, some in fluent highly developed languages right from the beginning. We received interpretations both for our own words and each others, too.

Question:

What were some of the after effects of this experience?

Answer:

(Mr.) When we left one another that night we determined that we would tell no one of the experience until we had time to meet again and

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Harold Lindblom in front of the Mercantile, his department store in downtown Turlock.



MF SUNDAY

...a day for Men!

MF SUNDAY is a day planned with men in mind. Fellows, this is your day! On MF Sunday thousands of assemblies men throughout America will participate in the services of their churches. These laymen will assume the leadership on a day designed for them.

The purpose of this special day is to enlist and encourage all laymen to participate fully in the spiritual life of their churches.

THE DATE

December 3, 1961.

The annual MF Sunday comes at a strategic point in your church calendar to announce and emphasize the ACTION MANDATORY prayer and soul-winning program that begins on New Year's Eve and continues until March 31, 1962.

THE THEME

"Together for Victory" is the Christ-centered theme. The Holy Spirit is drawing pastor and layman into a new sense of teamwork to fulfill Acts 1:8: "... ye shall be witnesses unto me."

We have noted a gracious move of the Holy Spirit in various denominations. These revivals have been introduced by an emphasis upon Pentecostal truth — the baptism in the Holy

Spirit. Many old-line churches are accepting the Pentecostal testimony for the first time.

Acts 1:8 may well be the key that will unlock the door to a tremendous forward thrust by our Assemblies of God. With anointed teamwork, Men's Fellowship can lead the way!

The MF Sunday for 1961 has as its goal a revival of New Testament Christianity, beginning with the men in our churches who will kindle the spark by winning other men to Christ — by witnessing.

SEVEN IMPORTANT STEPS

No program begins and ends with one effort. Likewise, no revival comes by one act. Here are seven steps the men of your church can take toward a New Testament revival:

1. Read the Word of God and discover God's plan for revival.
2. Confess to God and to one another the urgent need of revival and the inability of human effort to attain it.
3. Unite in prayer for the Holy Spirit to move and bring this vital stirring.
4. Gain through instruction and planning, solid knowledge of soul-

winning methods and door-to-door evangelism.

5. Prepare a census system to secure information needed on every home in your community. (This gives proper perspective to the command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The "world" does not refer to the foreign field alone, nor is it confined within the four walls of a church. The world is *your community, your neighborhood*.)

6. Unite in systematic intercession for specific individuals.

7. Engage in systematic door-to-door evangelism by setting up each area into zones. Each team should evangelize its respective zone.

These seven simple steps will lead to revival among your men and fulfill the challenge of Acts 1:8 during 1962. Such teamwork will pack your congregation with new converts and individuals seeking God. (See 1962 Action Mandatory brochure.)

M.F. Dinner at North Fork

On Sept. 30 the newly formed Men's Fellowship of North Fork entertained the wives of the men at a dinner. Capt. Schmidt of Castle Air Force Base was the speaker. In all there were ten couples present. Brother Schmidt spoke on being prepared. It was a very timely message.

Gerharts Minister in Nevada Churches

Superintendent and Mrs. Joseph Gerhart spent Nov. 20 to Dec. 8 in a tour which covered the entire State of Nevada. The purpose of the visit was to present to the churches the experience of their recent world tour and a challenge to missions.

In addition to their preaching ministry the Gerharts showed pictures of the many mission fields they covered.

Their first service was in Gardnerville, Nov. 20, and the concluding meeting was at Reno on Dec. 8.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD REPORT AVAILABLE

The Public Relations Department has prepared a report of growth of the Assemblies of God from 1914 until the present time, based on reports given at each General Council. Included in the report is the number of ministers, churches, and members for each General Council year in which a report was made. A copy will be furnished without charge to anyone requesting it.

ACTION MANDATORY

'62

In obedience to THE GREAT COMMISSION, Men's Fellowship is launching its second annual ACTION MANDATORY program with three months of intensive soul-winning advance for men. Here are some pertinent ideas we would like to share with you.

First, here is a brief summary of our line of attack:

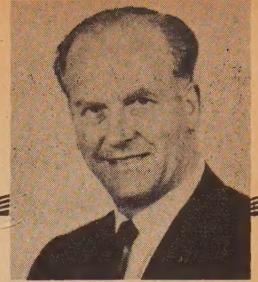
- A New Year's Eve watchnight challenge and presentation of the theme, *TOGETHER FOR VICTORY in winning the lost*.
- Selection of "target area" in your community.
- Complete census of target area.
- Division of target area and assignment of visitation teams.
- Pin-pointed prayer meetings for assigned areas.
- Intensive visitation and witnessing campaign with regular report and reassignment meetings.
- Victory banquet.
- Development of a sustained evangelism program.

This will be ACTION MANDATORY '62!

Men's Fellowship



GUNNAR SONDEÑO, President



The Value of Membership



By E. S. Christoffersen

It is very difficult for anyone to evaluate the importance of belonging to the Men's Fellowship. In doing so, however, great dividends will be laid up in Heaven for us, particularly if we are willing and interested in really working for men. The opportunity of reaching men is unlimited. Our membership in the Men's Fellowship can reach the rank and file of men from our communities through the medium of attending our Men's Fellowship dinners. The same fellows may refuse to attend any church because they fear the churches and ministers.

Therefore, may I encourage you to help us reach men for the Kingdom of God by organizing a Men's Fellowship group and joining hands with this great organization.

Will it mean work by joining? Certainly, it will! You will find it a great thrill in winning souls. By doing so, you will earn stars in your crown.

December has been set for the great kick-off for organizing new Men's Fellowship groups in our District. Your church has received a letter in regards to this great Men's Fellowship promotion. Please take the responsibility to assist in organizing your church's Men's Fellowship in the interest of the Lord's work. If you have a Men's Fellowship organized, then what do you say, let's strengthen it by putting forth sincere effort in gaining membership and winning souls! We must go over the top for God while there is yet time. Winning men for the Lord means winning the whole family.

We have materials which will be mailed to you by advising E. S. Christoffersen, Secretary-Treasurer of Men's Fellowship, P. O. Box 327, Turlock, California.

A Letter From The Veep

My dear brethren:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2).

Today we are truly living in momentous times. God is pouring out His Holy Spirit in a tremendous flood all over the world. These are the days to serve our Savior.

We know that Men's Fellowship was initiated by God for such times as these. It is our desire that the emphasis of our entire Men's Fellowship organization be placed upon men

leading souls to Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32-33). Next in line is to see every church in our District charter a Men's Fellowship group. December will be the kick-off for Men's Fellowship month all over the nation. We are setting the goal for Northern California and Nevada at 5,000 men enlisted in this great army of soldiers.

This message is to the men of our District that believe God means what He is saying in His Holy Word and a challenge to those that will dare to trust in His promises. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

In His service,
NORMAN HAHN
M. F. Vice President

Look For The Spiritual Breakthrough

"And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two . . ." (Mark 6:7).

Men's Fellowship has a dynamic plan to fill our churches with individuals hungry for the truth — a plan that will start us on the path to the revival we need. It is a program based on a harvest vision and on the scriptural pattern of witnessing.

ACTION MANDATORY is designed for the laymen of the church. On New Year's Eve this program will begin. The men of our churches will team together, two by two, to win specific men to Christ.

This challenging task of evangelism can best be accomplished by dividing your city into zones. For

three months (Dec. 31-March 31) each team will be responsible to evangelize its particular area.

God never intended a division between the clergy and laity which would take the privilege of evangelism away from the laymen. Our men can have an effective spiritual ministry through personal evangelism. This is the goal of ACTION MANDATORY.

As we witness, the Holy Spirit will convict of sin. Our concern for the lost will be increased. Through teamwork in sharing the pastor's burden and vision, Men's Fellowship intends to lead the way! Will you join us by praying for and witnessing to the lost? If you will, we shall all break through complacency to a revival of New Testament Christianity.

NOT GOOD IF DETACHED

This saying is found on the coupon of railroad tickets. The value of the coupon is determined by its relationship to the whole ticket. "Not good if detached" is equally true of church members as well as railroad tickets. Detached from active relationship with the church the individual loses touch with the work of the denomina-

tion and is in grave danger of losing the consciousness of Christ's presence and of losing all interest in Christian service and falling into doubts and decay. If you are a "detached" church member, take steps at once to become a live wide-awake active Christian in the service of the Master.

From the Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Bulletin.



News from Our Churches --

ANTIOCH --

Pastor R. M. Catlett reports a continuous revival in October. About 24 were saved in the regular meetings.

ATWATER --

The Paul Pipkin family was featured at a C. A. Rally in August. Several were saved and the church and over-flow room were full. Evangelist Ed Cole held a meeting for Pastor Don North in September with a move from God that continues. D-Cap and Mrs. Steve Asmuth were guests at a banquet for the installation of officers and ministered the following day. Evangelist John McPherson and Kalijah had a Gospel Pow Wow the first of October.

AUBURN --

Indian Full Gospel Church held an all day fellowship meeting Oct. 1. Speakers were Mildred Holder, Alfred Elgin and George Effman. Visitors came from Oregon and Nevada. L. A. Harris is pastor.

BETHANY PARK --

Craig Chapel heard National Missions Director Philip Hogan Nov. 7-10 during the annual Bethany Bible College student missionary convention.

BOYES SPRINGS --

Mrs. Madora Rogers of Stockton was guest speaker on WMC Day. The North Bay WMC Rally heard G. K. Johnson representing the Latin American Orphanage. Helen Rye was guest speaker in September. Several were saved as a result of these ministries. Paul Boyd is pastor.

CARMICHAEL --

First Assembly has been in seven and a half weeks of revival with Evangelist Dick Colson. The Gospelairees were guests Oct. 29. The pastor is Lionel W. Suter.

CHOWCHILLA --

First Assembly recently closed a revival with Evangelists Bob and Barbara Jones. The South San Joaquin C. A. Rally with the Teen Talent Con-

test was held Oct. 9. Floyd Baker is pastor.

COLUSA --

A joint revival with Arbuckle, Williams and Colusa participating was held Nov. 14-26 at the Colusa Fair Grounds. Cooperating pastors were Kenneth Tracy, Glen Alexander and Herbert Brown.

COVELO --

Pastor Don Corbin reports: "The Lord had given particular victory with our Christ's Ambassadors. Last April the group was non-existent which was a matter of real concern to me. The group started again and God has given increase. Now we are averaging about 15 to a service and several have been saved including the senior class president and editor of the yearbook of the high school. This group is taking active part in the church services and are doing a real job for the Lord." Guest missionaries during October were Samuel Sorensen of the Canadian Assemblies and Helen Rye of Jamacia. Both were a real blessing to the church.

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Personal Mention

REV. AND MRS. ERNEST M. ADAMS were honored by their sons and daughters at an open house on their 50th Anniversary Oct. 15.

HELEN AND ESTHER BOARDMAN ministered in a Teachers' Training Program in All Nations Glad Tidings Assembly in San Diego during October. The pastor is Bernice Proctor.

LILLIE BUFFUM was guest of Pastor Paul Seaberg of Ione on Oct. 8. She is available for services.

C. E. and MRS. FREEZE continue their work in Tijuana, Mexico, in the orphanage. The Mexican lady helping them has received the Holy Spirit and two of the older children have been saved. They now have 14 children in their care. The church building has been enlarged and the Sunday School is growing. Souls are saved in nearly every service.

J. L. JEFFREY is open for revival meetings Friday through Sunday within 50 miles of Modesto. Write 426 Spruce St., Modesto, or call LAMBERT 3-6328.

HERBERT KIMBER recently ministered in song testimony for Pastor Joe Wright of Salinas and Pastor Al Morrison of Scotts Valley.

THE VAN HOUTONS continue their work in Espanola, New Mexico, and send a note of appreciation for the faithful support from friends at home.

DISTRICT REVIVALTIME REPORT

Joseph L. Gerhart, Representative

TOP FIVE GIVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 1961

(Church and personal offerings)

Lodi, First A/G	\$173.20
Crescent City, A/G	74.00
Las Vegas, Trinity A/G	66.00
Riverbank, A/G	45.00
San Jose, Bethel Church	32.00

TOP FIVE GIVERS, January - September, 1961

Lodi, First A/G	\$746.60
Las Vegas, Trinity A/G	627.00
Crescent City, A/G	572.40
Turlock, Bethel	510.00
Modesto, Central	178.00

Total given from our District during September - \$1,842.47

Let every church give an offering (whether large or small) to the national gospel broadcast during 1961! Send to P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri, stating your church name and address so that proper credit will be given.

TESTIMONIAL -- BROTHER-IN-LAW & NEPHEW FOUND WORK

951 Palmer Ave., San Pablo, Calif., July 11, 1961

I wrote you requesting prayer for my brother-in-law and nephew to get work when you had the special day of prayer in May. Shortly after you prayed they both received good jobs. Truly God has done exceedingly abundant above that which we imagined. God bless you.

1/s/ Mrs. Lois Sorrell



Sunday School Department

DAVE COLBERT, Director



Sierra Nevada Section Holds Leadership Clinic at Sparks



Sectional Representative Wayne Crawford, welcomes the workers to the clinic. At the right, Van Cummings, C. A. representative; Wayne Crawford and Gerald Fischer, host pastor and presbyter, are seen in front of the church.

Wayne Crawford, Sunday School Representative for the Sierra Nevada Section, worked with other sectional leaders to present a sectional wide leadership clinic, October 7 at Sparks.

There were approximately 100 workers in attendance. Everyone who attended enjoyed the special session planned for their particular interest.

A lovely luncheon was served by the Sparks Assembly of God to those in attendance.

Many of our sections throughout the district have also conducted Leadership Clinics. For further detail concerning a leadership clinic in your area - consult your sectional Sunday School Representative.

Phillips Brooks has a forceful paragraph in which he says, "Do not pray for easy lives! Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."



Hundreds of Sunday school leaders all over the United States are now making plans for January - the 1962 training month.

These wise leaders realize that advance planning is essential to an effective month of training. Many have already engaged their teachers, have ordered their training books and manuals, and have begun publicizing the study course.

Taking a tip from others, leaders who have not yet planned their training course, will do so immediately. They will become acquainted with the training month theme and book selection, plan the budget, make the necessary arrangements, and then begin talking about the importance of teachers and potential teachers taking the course.

The theme of the January training month is EVANGELISM, with the book selection, *Into the Highways and Hedges*, written by Raymond T. Brock, editor of *Global Conquest*. Author Brock presents cogent truths in this training book as well as practical tips on how to win the lost.

Be one of the wise leaders by planning now for a well executed training course in January.

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MISSIONARIES ABROAD

AFRICA —

Bob and Hazel Hoskins have spent the last 19 months in Africa and have conducted 40 crusades. They left for India and the Orient in October.

EAST AFRICA —

Paul and Helen Bruton report further progress in Tanganyika. Calvary Temple was dedicated in February. Finances are needed for student bicycles and support for Brutons. The Brutons are due home on furlough next August.

EAST AFRICA —

Paul and Miriam Wright, Nyasaland, report a quiet election day when Nyasaland had its first general election. The missionaries met for a fellowship meeting that week. During school holidays a necessary rest was taken and Paul had dental work done. The new print shop has been completed.

FIJI ISLANDS —

Charlotte Heetebry is staying on in the islands, since the death of her husband, to settle necessary business. She will see that the grave is completed and a stone erected. Adrian Heetebry went to be with the Lord Sept. 29 after an illness confining him to his home for nine weeks. His final Bible class completed a course he had been teaching. Up until the last week he was able to sit up part of the day in a reclining chair. He was buried in Suva. In August he was 71.

SAMOA —



Maurice Luce is seen above displaying the *Evangel* and tract holders which he is preparing to load in the Speed-the-Light bus for distribution. Recently, an offset press was purchased by STL in San Francisco so that tracts and other Christian literature can be printed in Samoa.

FORMOSA —

James and Marjorie Baker need Bible flannelgraph or picture rolls and small pictures to be given as awards. Send to P.O. Box 160, Tainan, Taiwan.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Arthur Erickson reports his daughter Carol suffered an attack of appendicitis and though surgery was impossible the Lord helped. After difficulty because of rains Arlene was able to leave by plane and is in the States.

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Oroville Lady Keeps Faithful Testimony

Mrs. Charlotte B. Wirth entered into the presence of her Lord on September 28, but the final chapter of the testimony of her love for Him was yet to be written.

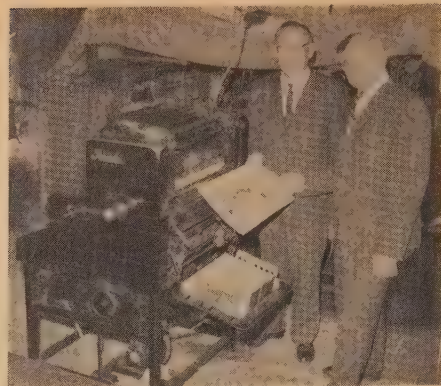
In 1909, when Pentecost was in its beginnings, she moved to Oroville, California, to marry Arthur Wirth. There was no Pentecostal church, so for many years she, although not a minister, conducted cottage prayer meetings, Bible study and Sunday school in the little country schoolhouse. In time she rented a hall and invited students from Glad Tidings Bible Institute in San Francisco to come and conduct services. The students were cared for in her home. It was by this means that the Oroville church finally came into being.

Before her death, Mrs. Wirth saw to it that those to whom she had faithfully witnessed would be sure to hear the gospel one more time. She made a list of names of unsaved neighbors, friends and business people requesting that they serve as pallbearers at her funeral.

Her testimony after death was also furthered by her request that all money for flowers at her funeral be given to District Home Missions. This request has been honored and 23 friends have thus far given \$116.50.

Could any higher tribute be paid to the child of God, than to simply say her love was so intense for Christ she saw to it that even after her death His message will still be told?

Printing Press Aids German Sunday Schools



Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart, left, is seen visiting with Missionary John Kolenda, right, and viewing the press which was purchased by the District. The visit was during the Gerhart's recent world tour.

Ten years ago there was practically no Sunday school literature of any kind available in all of Germany. In order to meet this great need we began to publish some material on a little mimeograph machine. Soon we got hold of a tiny press that was hardly better than the mimeograph.

Pressed by the urgent need to supply Sunday school literature, we took a step of faith and for \$3000 bought a used press which would meet our needs.

This amount had to be paid within 60 days. We wondered if we could make it. I will never forget the thrill when about a week before the payment was due I was working with about 20 of the students on our Bible school building and our secretary

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Steve Asmuth, President



Spotlighting The C. A. of The Month



JUDY LEE

Meet Judy Lee, student body president of Fremont High School in Irvington, California.

Judy is a young person who believes that letting her Christian testimony stand before her fellow students is the best way to win them to Christ and to be popular among them. As well as being student body president, Judy has been instrumental in helping start a Youth for Christ Bible club in her school. She meets each morning before school with other Christian youth for prayer, sings in the school choir and in special music groups, has been elected Girls State Representative for 1961-62 and is also a member of the G. A. A. Last month she won first place in the vocal solo division of the Peninsula Teen-Age Talent Contest.

Judy has been a Christian for ten years and is an active C. A. in Bethel Church, San Jose. Emory Welch, minister of youth, says, "She attributes much of her spiritual training and outstanding capabilities to the fact that she was brought up in a Christian home."

The Lord willing, Judy will enroll at Bethany Bible College next fall and eventually hopes to become a foreign missionary.

The rainbow of promise appears when the sunshine of His love meets the showers of our sorrow.

Sunnyvale C.A.s Finds That "Action in Acts" Is Profitable

by Earl Moore, C. A. President
First Assembly of God, Sunnyvale

This year has been a year of power, full of Spirit-filled experiences. We have seen young people saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our quiz team competed in the Peninsula section Action in Acts teen quizzes and won four quizzes in succession. We give God the praise and glory for this success.

The teen-agers in our group have gained a basic knowledge of the book of Acts and a new understanding of the Pentecostal experience. Our Acts Heads, the name chosen by the group, have also experienced in their lives the Teacher and Reminder which we have in the Holy Spirit. As one of the Acts Heads explained, "There is a satisfaction in doing something for our church. Also it gives me the satisfaction of knowing I have a much greater understanding of the Book of Acts."

Action in Acts means a lot to our teen-agers, for it teaches a background for our faith and the answer for a good Christian life. I encourage every C. A. group in our District to take part in quizzing. This is one way that



In the front row are seen quiz leaders Earl Moore, left, and Bob Walker, right. The quizzers are from left to right, Jerry Wiley, Sue Wiley, Nancy Hillegas, Lynn Spencer, Janice Fowler, Sharon Curran and Terry Kallberg

we as C. A.'s can study and show ourselves approved unto God, C. A.'s that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The brand new teen quiz-book for 1962, *Learning Luke*, is available at fifty cents a copy from the District C. A. Dep't., P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, and the National C. A. Dep't., Springfield, Mo.

The ship's place is in the sea, but God pity the ship when the sea gets into it. The Christian's place is in the world, but God pity the Christian if the world gets the best of him.

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If you know a C.A. in a non-Assemblies of God college, university, or nursing school who is not receiving the college-slanted magazine, "Campus Ambassador," it is not too late to get his name on the directory! He will receive all the issues of "Campus Ambassador" for the current school year free of charge!

Send the following information at once to the National C. A. Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Name of college _____
Student's name _____
College address _____

MISSIONARIES AT HOME

THE OVID DILLINGHAMS are to return to India in January. Their goods will be shipped in December and they will fly later.

THE LOWELL DOWDYS were featured at the Bethany Bible College Missionary Convention in November and are making good progress in their itineration for returning to the field. This term is to be spent in Ecuador. Funds are being raised to erect an aluminum tabernacle as well as a complete new outfit necessary for this new field.

THE H. B. GARLOCKS itinerated in the Peninsula Section in December.

ANNTONETTE JOHNSON left for Brazil November 27.

JOHN AND DAISY KENNEDY itinerated in North San Joaquin in November.

JOHN AND DORIS LEMOS returned to the States for emergency medical care and will take engagements through January.

GLEN AND RUTH McCOLLISTER itinerated in the Lake Berryessa Section in November.

PAUL PIPKIN writes of a Nevada pastor who appealed for a missionary to give them a service. On their way

to the School of Missions in June the Pipkins stopped for a service. Though the pastor was working to support himself he had taken a missionary offering for nine previous Sunday nights and presented the visitors with a check for nearly \$150.

HELEN RYE itinerated in the Central San Joaquin Section in November.

JAMES STEWART hopes to leave the last of December for South Africa where he will continue his teaching at the African Bible Training Institute. He is urgently needed to replace missionaries already on furlough.

Study the Book

I took the word "Love" and I do not know how many weeks I spent in studying the passages in the Bible in which it occurs, till at last I could not help loving people. It just flowed out of my fingers.

I got to thinking of the compassion of Christ. So I took the Bible and began to read it over to find out what it said on the subject. At last the thought of His infinite compassion overpowered me. I could only lie on the floor of my study, with my face in the open Bible and cry like a child.

— D. L. Moody

A Time For Everything

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal . . ." And so he goes on with his long list of contrasts.

Thus the author accurately shows the paradoxical nature of life. We go from one side to the other. This may give us the impression that life is completely mixed up, that neither side is any better than the other. But the wise men do not really believe that.

Life is complex, but there is a purpose back of it. The One who made life what it is, planned life to be complex. We, the creatures, ought to recognize that complexity and fit our lives into it. It is right to plant when it is time to plant; it is wrong to plant when it is time to reap. The truly wise man does the right thing at the right time. —Quoted in *Christian Observer*

EVANGELISTS IN OUR DISTRICT

Evangelists Walter and Ruth Lascelle are presently engaged in meetings in this District. Bro. Lascelle, once a leading sales engineer in Chicago who fell to skid row where God found him, is a dynamic and fearless preacher of the Word. Sister Lascelle, the former Ruth Rachel Specter, is of Jewish descent and presents spiritual truth from the Old Testament. She illustrates with ceremonial objects and a model of the tabernacle. Both have outstanding testimonies of the transforming power of God in their lives. The Lascelles may be reached at 5132 Stratford Road, Los Angeles 42, Calif.

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W.M.C. Activities

GOLDIA ANDERSON, President



Capitol Section has its first W.M.C. Fair



On February 25, 1962, thousands of our churches will join in observing National WMC Day. Theme of the day is "By Love Compelled," and the program is built around the Scripture, "The love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Corinthians 5:14).

The National WMC Department has supplied all pastors with information regarding the plan and purpose for the day. A supply of coin cards has also been sent to the pastors. Early in January the local WMC presidents will receive their free 24-page program booklets and other information as to visual aid and other supplies available.

Our annual WMC Day is designed by the Executive Presbyters for general WMC emphasis and for the support of the National WMC office and its many services to WMC groups and to our missionary program.

Each year thus far the offerings have been enough to cover the national office operation. This is deeply appreciated. But aside from the offerings, WMC Day has proven a high day spiritually in our churches. Reports of souls saved and believers filled with the Spirit on this special day are received each year.

Plan now to observe WMC Day in your church on February 25.



The display from the Organvale Assembly of God is seen above. The theme was, "Pennies for Progress."

Sixteen exhibits were prepared in Gaston Hall to add color to the first W. M. C. Fair in the Capitol Section which was held October 24 at Bethel Temple in Sacramento.

The first meeting of the day was a devotional at which Missionary James Stewart spoke. He presented the need of reaching the lost.

After a brief lunch the booths were opened. Each one featured some type of handwork for the visitors to take part in. For example Bethel Temple, Sacramento, displayed the canning process. During the Fair 50 pounds of pink beans were canned for the Stewarts to take to Africa. Other booths displayed painting of flannelgraph backgrounds, liquid embroidery, sewing aprons and a variety of other talents.

The evening service climaxed a wonderful day. Missionary Helen Rye arrived as a surprise guest. Pledges were received to purchase the Stewarts a washing machine. The message was delivered by Bro. Stewart.

— by Laura Wilson
Sectional Director

Why stoop to be kind if you can be a missionary?

Pres. Back from Orient



On November 13 Goldia Anderson returned from a 41-day tour of the Orient which was made possible as a gift.

Among the highlights of her tour was speaking at the W. M. C. rally in Hong Kong where ladies representing 11 churches were present. Sister Anderson, as the guest speaker, addressed the ladies through an interpreter, Mrs. Wong, chairman of the meeting. It was the first W. M. C. rally to be held in Hong Kong. She was presented with a beautiful Chinese dress which she is wearing in the picture, above. Seen with her is her sister, Mrs. Riley Kaufman.

Lindblom Interview

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evaluate it. We didn't want to perpetrate another Van Nuys explosion. But the first thing we did in the morning was to tell everyone we met! Such joy welling up within us was impossible to keep to ourselves, we had to share our good news. That same morning we also went to a Holy Communion service in honor of a Saint's Day. Words and sentences which had been said often before fairly left off the page with new meaning and reality. I felt to be in a really intimate communion with the living Christ.

Within the next few days, I am sure the devil had all his forces at work, because I had many doubts. But I am really thankful for the doubts now, because they made me question and seek answers from the Bible. The results have been to lead me to give myself to Christ as I had never given myself before. I am assured that our experience is valid and is what Christ intends for each of his followers when he promised to send the Comforter. Before I was like a car which I was trying to push. Now I not only feel that I have gas in my car, but that I have an excellent Driver Who is guiding it. This is particularly noticable in my prayer life. Our church has had healing services and prayer groups for some time. I used to have to force myself to take an interest, but now I am actually eager to go. I even choose

to attend these events when there is a conflict with some other activity or pleasure, and not out of sense of duty, but of joy. This is a phenomenal and miraculous change for me.

Another change in my life I can notice is my insight into right and wrong in personal conduct. All business men have a policy of ethics in their businesses to which they try to adhere, but now I can see where lots of rationalization can enter in and polute good intentions. The Holy Spirit will no longer let me indulge myself in this self deception, and I praise God for it!

(Mrs.) The days following our baptism were full of joy and expectation. Whenever we met people with whom we felt we could share this experience we told them about it. Within three weeks 44 people had prayed for and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with us. There have been more since.

Personally, I have never harbored much doubt as to the validity of our experience. I felt at the beginning, and I still feel, that I know the third member of the Trinity. The Holy Sanctifier, intimately in my life. The missing link for which I had searched has been found. Not only do I believe this is so in my own life, but I see it happening in the lives of my friends with whom I take this walk. Every day in some small way, and sometimes even big ways, God is molding us to conform to His divine will. I see the spiritually blind begin to see, I see the selfish lose themselves. I see the crooked things made straight, I see inadequacy turned into creativity, hate into love and frustration into peace. This glorious process which I observe in myself and my friends has not happened all at once, nor without pain, but the miraculous thing to me is that to the degree we give our consent it happens!

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Retired after 30 years of pastoring, the Lord has given me a ministry from my home.

If you are in need of spiritual or physical help, from the Lord contact me at 1169 So. 8th St., San Jose, Calif. Phone CYpress 5-0974.

I go to prayer as soon as your letter or call is received and expect God to answer. I will send you a letter of encouragement to believe and give God the glory.

— Rev. S. H. Robertson

Question:

I understand the main worship services in your church and the prayer groups are conducted separately. How are the prayer groups carried on?

Answer:

(Mr.) Our prayer groups are very informal. We gather in private homes in the evening. There is a good supply of coffee and usually about nine to twelve people present. We frequently begin by singing rousing gospel hymns in addition to the hymns from our own Hymnal. We have lively discussions and exchanges of information on "What the Lord has been doing in our lives the week past." Normally, we get the feeling, it is time to pray. We begin, after the Lord's Prayer, with extemporaneous words of praise and thanksgiving, offered by anyone. Our groups seem to have no director, but we try to yield ourselves to the direction of the Lord. He seems to direct us and, depending on our needs, He will give us words of strengthening, direction, prophecy or leads us toward intercession or healing. Sometimes we pray for those in our group, a particular member, or sometimes our concern is carried out to others. You must realize that all the time, the coffee pot is sitting in the middle for anyone who wishes it. During our prayers it is very likely that someone will speak in tongues and we will receive an interpretation. Many times the interpretation is reinforced by someone else

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receiving a Bible passage to read. This is how we are made aware that God is directing us.

We keep with us at our meetings, several translations of the Bible, one in modern English, the King James, the American Authorized Version and several others. We feel this helps us determine the full meaning of the passage we have been directed to read. Often after someone has spoken in tongues, two or even three people will get identical interpretations at the same time, giving us a double or triple witness to the message God has sent us. It is very interesting and also stimulating and strengthening to be so assured of the presence and concern of our Lord.

(Mrs.) I would like to stress that we have found that the baptism of the Holy Spirit has not been an end for us, but we have found it the beginning — the beginning of a life in which we walk in the Spirit. I cannot tell you how much it means to me to find that I can talk to God and I can hear him talk to me. I would be ever grateful if I receive no other advantage than to know, as I do without a shadow of a doubt, that God is actually speaking to me in words I can readily hear and act upon. I frequently wonder, "What next, Lord?"

Question:

How long have you lived in Turlock? What is your business? Give us some information about your family.

Answer:

(Mr.) I was born and reared here in Turlock and have lived here all my life except when I was at college and in the armed service. I took over my father's department store business about 14 years ago. I have been fairly active in civic affairs. I belong to the Chamber of Commerce, The Rotary Club. I have been on the board of the Red Cross and on various civic committees from time to time. I am currently working on a committee to develop downtown off-street parking for Turlock. I have served on the vestry of our church (elder).

I met my wife, Virginia, when she was attending College of Pacific. We were married after her graduation about 15 years ago. We have three children, Claudia, 10, Deborah, 8, and Matthew, 5.

All I can further say is that I recommend everyone look into receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit and then see what God can do in their lives.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES —

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CRESCENT CITY —

Evangelist Virgil and Edith Warrens held a childrens revival for Pastor D. L. Rhodes recently. On Nov. 13 a united Men's Fellowship was enjoyed at Crescent City with Klamath, Smith River, Brookings and Harbor, Oregon, participating.

DEHLI —

A two-weeks revival with Evangelist Paul Bruton closed recently at the Good Tidings Church. Eight young people were saved and one received the Holy Spirit. The Forerunners Quartet were featured one night. Otto Bell is pastor and Ed Hastin is minister of music and youth.

DENAIR —

Pastor Jim Logan reports an increase in the Sunday School average again this year. Helen Rye was a recent speaker and Evangelist Paul Jones filled the pulpit during the pastor's vacation and trip to General Council.

FELTON —

Coast Counties held a fellowship meeting on October 23 with guest speakers James Stewart of South Africa and singer Marty Carl. Special music was provided by Bethany Bible College.

CUPERTINO —

Monta Vista Assembly enjoyed General Secretary Bartlett Peterson on Oct. 15. The week of Oct. 1 John McPherson held an Indian Pow Wow and over 270 boys and girls registered during the meetings. Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Rogers were recent guest speakers for Pastor H. Russell Baker.

GREENVILLE —

Pastor Gilbert Cordova reports a two-week revival with Evangelist Helen Loucks of Crescent City. Souls were saved, bodies healed and the people filled. Following this a two-day fellowship meeting was held with the American Indian Fellowship.

FAIRFIELD —

Glad Tidings reports a successful Kids Crusade conducted by the Kaupangers. A month long Teachers Training Course resulted in the Sunday School record being broken. Special speakers were, Thomas Mendenhall, David Colbert and Paul Trulin. A return visit by Dr. Henry Ness and the John Kennedys was enjoyed. Eugene W. Ness is pastor.

HAYWARD —

Bethel Temple heard J. David duPlessis of South Africa on Oct. 15. Ovid Dillingham spoke of his work in India Oct. 8. The pastor is James Swanson.

HOLLISTER —

Missionaries to Brazil, Antonette Johnson and family, were guests Oct. 22. The pastor is Pike Robinson.

LAFAYETTE —

Dedication of the new church was held Nov. 12 with District officers Joseph L. Gerhart and Ruben A. Wilson speakers. Former pastor Charles Bradbury and Mrs. Lucile Work spoke briefly. Pastor N. A. Golison brought the evening message. The sectional fellowship meeting the next day heard Pastors William Vickery and Ralph Wilkerson. District Secretary-Treasurer Jack Edgar was guest speaker Oct. 29 and Helen Rye, Oct. 26. Evangelist Ralph Cranston held a revival campaign Nov. 26 to Dec. 10. Glen Lambert is pastor.

LAS VEGAS, NEV. —

Trinity Assembly broke ground for their new church on Nov. 26 at St. Louis and 10th Street and will now be called Trinity Temple. Pastor Wilbur Wacker reports their Sunday School made their largest average yearly gain on record in 1961.

LODI —

First Assembly observed their 4th Annual Missionary Convention Nov. 1-5 with John Hall, the Wayne Turnbull family, the Oscar Butterfields, Harry Bartel and the Paul Pipkins. The pastor is Gene Forrest.

MARYSVILLE —

Pastor L. B. Lewis of Modesto held a four-night revival with Pastor James Adkins recently when 12 received the Holy Spirit. Following this meeting Pastor George Elrod of Sacramento preached four nights and many new consecrations were made. In July Loretta and Norman Kaupanger conducted a successful Kids Crusade which was a blessing to the Sunday School. The Men's Fellowship with their wives heard Pastor George Elrod on Oct. 9 speak on Christ's return and show his slides of the Holy Land and the World Conference.

McKINLEYVILLE —

Pastor George Alcorn reports spiritual blessing and progress. The church has been painted and new oak pews, all paid for, have been installed. The Sunday School has been on the increase and they hope to build next spring.

MILL VALLEY —

A community canvass conducted by thirty B. B. C. students and church members under the leadership of Dave Colbert brought results Oct. 29. Following the message and lunch served by the W. M. C., the group visited about 350 homes and many prespects were added to the visitation list. Spec-

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News from Our Churches

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ial music and messages by members of the group were enjoyed in the evening service. J. C. Walton is pastor.

MONTEREY —

Coast Counties held a second fellowship meeting in October on the 30th. The speakers were Jack Colas and John Stallings. Special music was provided by the Stallings.

NEWARK —

The Newark Assembly of God recently received national recognition at Portland, Oregon, at the recent General Council. The church topped the country on a per capita basis by reporting to the Council an offering of \$1,500.00 on Global Conquest Sunday. It also took second place in the nation for a single day's giving, Rev. Andrew Rahner, pastor, announced. Churches of the Assemblies of God for the past two year period have given a total of \$10,052,670.00 to World Missions.

NIXON, NEV. —

A temporary building has been constructed and winter-proofed on the Frank John Ranch. God has been meeting their needs and a three-week revival with Evangelist Mildred Schuktz began Nov. 26. Wesley E. Erickson is pastor.

OAKLAND —

Calvary Temple enjoyed the ministry of Evangelists Bill and Verna Jean McPherson Oct. 8-22. The Male Chorus and Ladies Triple Trio of Bethany Bible College contributed special music on Oct. 29. Missionary Leonard Nipper of Japan was a recent guest speaker. Oliver Foth is pastor.

RICHMOND —

Full Gospel Temple heard David duPlessis of South Africa recently. J. Boyd Wolverton is pastor.

SACRAMENTO —

Bethany Church broke ground Aug. 13 with District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart officiating. The pastor is Dwight Burchett.



ROSEVILLE —

First Assembly heard the Forerunners Quartet, with Paul Bruton speak-

ing on Oct. 21. A Kids Krusade with Phil Young and his dummy, Sidney, was the program for the children Oct. 21. The pastor is Robert Pirtle.

SACRAMENTO —

Capitol Assembly has enjoyed a recent refreshing and reviving by God's Spirit. This outpouring was accelerated the first two weeks in October by a revival with Evangelist Claude Wood. Several were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. George Elrod is pastor.

SALINAS —

Calvary Assembly heard James Stewart the week-end of Oct. 12 in five services. Evangelists John and Faith Stallings of Florida held a week of meetings in November. Antonette Johnson was guest speaker Nov. 12. Ray Oliver is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO —

Community Assembly has been enjoying a successful ministry among the servicemen. Every Sunday night a group of C. A.'s goes downtown and invites the boys from the U. S. O. to the evening services. An average of 15 attend and many have found Christ and some received the Holy Spirit. Pastor Bob Cavallini has baptized several in water.

SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple guest speakers on Oct. 8 were Les and Juliet Hunt. Ovid and Helen Dillingham presented the needs of India on Oct. 22. Marty Karl was guest soloist Oct. 25. He also gave his testimony. Robert Ashcroft, president Central Bible Institute and Evangel College, was morning speaker Nov. 5 with Bethany Bible College presenting an evening of music under the direction of Forrest Biesser. T. Kermit Jeffrey is pastor.

SANTA ROSA —

First Assembly had an installation service recently when William Vickery and associate Don Borbe took over their duties. Missionaries Helen Rye and the H. B. Garlocks were recent speakers. Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad began revival meetings Nov. 28.

SONORA —

Evangelist Marvin Schmidt recently conducted a two-week revival for Pastor Donald Throne in their newly constructed church. Pastor Throne writes: "Many of the old timers declare that this was one of the greatest meetings in the history of the church. Many reported healings besides a number baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School reached an all time high and every department of the church was strengthened."

SUNNYVALE —

First Assembly had the ministry of Evangelist Ed Cole in a revival Oct. 22 - Nov. 5. John Kolenda of Germany and Helen Rye of Jamaica were recent speakers. Ralph Hillegas is pastor.

TURLOCK —

Bethel Temple enjoyed the ministry of John Kolenda on Oct. 22 and John Lemos, who has just returned from Brazil, on Oct. 29. Robert Carrington is pastor.

TRACY —

Evangelist Larry Leacock held a Boys and Girls Crusade in October for Pastor Eugene Lawrence.

UKIAH —

Pastor Cornish Jones was released from the hospital Oct. 27 after spending 52 days recovering from severe burns. Though the skin grafting was not completely healed it was hoped the remainder of recovery could be accomplished at home. Filling the pulpit for Brother Jones recently were guest speakers: Steven Asmuth, B. C. Frinfrock, Melvin Johnson, David Colbert and Raymond Murray.

VALLEJO —

First Assembly was host to the sectional rally Oct. 9 with the Giannitassio Evangelistic Team as guest musicians and speakers. On Oct. 5 Paul Demetrus was guest speaker. L. H. Bottroff is pastor.

WINNEMUCCA, NEV. —

District Superintendent and Mrs. Joseph L. Gerhart were guest speakers for Pastor Maurice Caudill Nov. 27. Slides were shown of their recent tour.

WOODLAND —

Evangelist Marvin Schmidt held meetings for Pastor R. A. Wilson, Jr. in November. Souls were saved in many of the services.

Printing Press Aids from page 12 came with the good news. "You have just received a telegram from California stating, 'We are sending \$3000 for printing press.'" You can imagine how I praised God!

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Our many thanks to the Northern California-Nevada District for helping us in God's work here in Germany.

— by John Kolenda

Missionaries Abroad

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SOUTH AMERICA —

Ruth Couchman, Argentina, reports the conversion of a mother and her child. The Bible School students report many saved and a good number received the Holy Spirit during vacation. The wedding of a girl recently arrived from Spain and an ex-priest, both converted and filled with the Spirit, was interesting. A recent issue Glad Tidings carrying the story of Mother Barton was most welcome to Ruth as she has known the lady many years and trusts she will see her when she returns on furlough.

J. Narver Gortner Tribute

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language was extensive, and his ability to read the same was fluent. His massive library reflected the reading habits and mental appetite that was his at all times. He lived with his books and knew their contents. During the years of declining health he bestowed upon me several of his treasured volumes, including copies of several books that had come from his pen.

Whatever ones capabilities may be, a younger man approaches the pulpit with some degree of modesty in the presence of such a student and brilliant mind. However, I am thankful to say to his honored memory, (as I have freely told while he was still living) that he was one of the easiest parishioners to whom I preached. At no time did I sense any attempt to display superiority of either experience or knowledge, but instead he would enter into the spirit of the sermon and follow closely with it. Often times sharing the anointing that rested upon the speaker, he would chime in, (I can hear him now) "And Brother Krogstad, the Bible also says . . ." Anytime he did this, his interjections were not in the least objectionable, but always contributed rich nuggets of truth that had direct bearing upon the scripture exposition, being delivered, and added further blessing and inspiration to both the service and the pastor.

Soon after I became the pastor of First Church, it was the decision of a substantial majority of the congregation to sell our old church and purchase one in a different location which seemed more desirable. Brother Gortner, as was understandable, being attached for many reasons to the edifice he had constructed and in which he had ministered, questioned the advisability of this move and was hardly

in favor of it. Let it be recorded to his lasting honor that once the congregation had made its decision, he accepted it with good grace and co-operated beautifully, being present as often as his health permitted.

The title of a book he gave me from his library years ago is "*The Marks Of A Man*". As I reflect upon him now and consider the *eminence* of his past as a great leader in the Assemblies of God and yet his *humility* as a member of my church; and consider further his *attitude of appreciation* and the many times he shook the pastor's hand

upon leaving the church and encouraging him by expressing personal thanks for the Word which had been ministered, often saying with deep sincerity, "That was good," and, remembering the *grace* with which *he accepted the defeat* of his own recommendation and *co-operated* with the church as we made the move which most of the people desired, I am bound to say, "*THESE were the true marks of a man — A MAN OF GOD NAMED J. NARVER GORTNER.*"

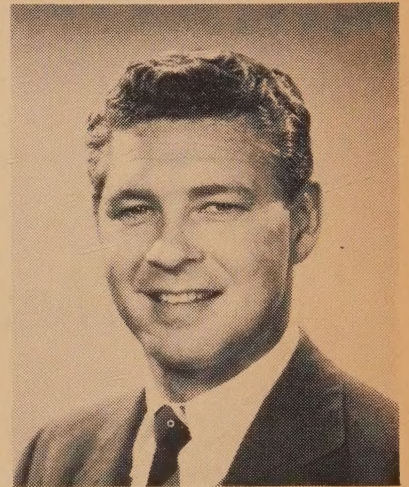
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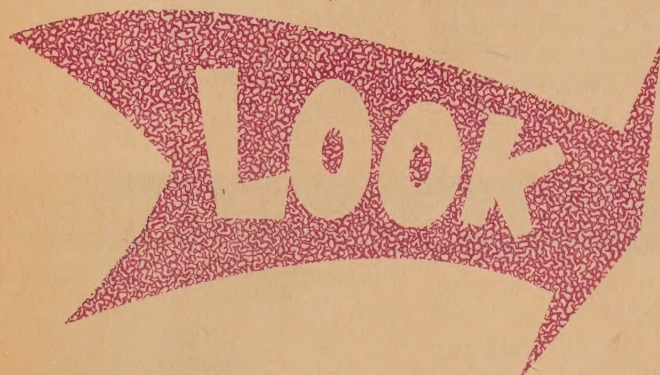
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